

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION
DECEMBER 5, 2000

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Gauger, Linda Schwallie, Anne Marie Rathburn, Peter Fabian

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynn Gauger called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m. and welcomed the new Section member, Linda Schwallie.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Jeffrey Percy – AODA certification board report, will not be presented
-Add discussion of book, *Professional Regulation in Marital and Family Therapy*, by Kinly Sturkie and Lois Paff Bergen
-Course descriptions from U.W. Whitewater
-Liaison with WAMFT

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2000 as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY CUMMINGS

The psychotherapy licensure proposal has been submitted to the Legislative Reference Bureau. Lynn Gauger was pleased with the cooperativeness of the various professions.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

LIAISON WITH WAMFT

Peter Fabian volunteered to be the Section's liaison with WAMFT.

RULES COMMITTEE MEMBER

Linda Schwallie will replace Lynn Gauger on the Rules Committee.

COMPARISON CHART OF PROFESSIONS

John Schweitzer developed a comparison chart with the certification requirements of the three professions on the Board - Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors. This item was informational.

CHANGES RELATING TO APPROPRIATE SUPERVISORS

The Professional Counselor (PC) Section decided to eliminate Marriage and Family Therapists as automatically approved supervisors. Exceptions can be made by the PC Section on a case by case basis.

REPORT ON THE AMFTRB MEETING

Lynn Gauger attended the AMFTRB meeting held November 1-2, 2000 in Denver, Colorado. The Professional Examination Service (PES) has contracted with Sylvan Centers to administer the national MFT exam nationwide. The use of Sylvan Centers increases the number of exam sites and should be more convenient for the candidates. Continental Testing Service (CTS) currently administers the national MFT exam for Wisconsin, however Sylvan Centers will take over this function in 2002. After the fall 2001 exam administration, the exam will be computerized and will be given three times yearly. Exam fees will increase at that time.

eTherapy and eHealth is an issue that needs attention. Lynn Gauger suggested that Secretary Cummings convene a task force to address this issue.

PROFESSIONAL REGULATION IN MARITAL AND FAMILY THERAPY

Peter Fabian brought in a copy of the book, *Professional Regulation in Marital and Family Therapy*, by Kinly Sturkie and Lois Paff Bergen. Mr. Fabian suggested that the Section members and department staff read this book.

INTRODUCTION/JACKETING OF BILL

All bills not passed died at the end of the legislative session. Legislation that would allow MFT candidates to sit for the exam prior to completion of supervision, and legislation to create a MFT Training Certificate will be re-introduced as both separate and joint legislation.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

There were no inquiries.

MFT TEMPLATE UPDATE

All Section members took an application for MFT certification home to review. Comments and changes will be made at the next Section meeting.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to recess to closed session pursuant to Chapter 19.85(1)(a), (b), (f) and (g). Wis. Stats., for the purpose of reviewing applications and consulting with legal counsel. Roll Call Vote: Anne Marie Rathburn - yes, Peter Fabian - yes, Lynn Gauger – yes, Linda Schwallie - yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session recessed at 12:37 p.m.

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to reconvene in open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Open session reconvened at 1:07 p.m.

VOTING ON ITEMS CONSIDERED/DELIBERATED ON IN CLOSED SESSION

APPLICATION REVIEWS

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to approve **Kathleen Crowley** and **Martha Oppeneer** to sit for the national MFT exam, and to approve **Victor L. Pittman** and **Christine Purvis-Eggert** to sit for the national MFT exam after they pass the jurisprudence exam. Motion carried unanimously.

OTHER SECTION BUSINESS

Peter Fabian will look into whether there is a “model law” for MFT’s.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Anne Marie Rathburn moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.

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